

**SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS:**

Please charge the title to --

**TUBE HANDLING DEVICE --.**

On page 1, insert the following prior to the first paragraph --

This application is the national stage of PCT/EP2005/000510 filed on January 20, 2005 and also claims Paris Convention priority of DE 10 2004 003 188.6 filed January 22, 2004.

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION --.**

Please amend the first paragraph on page one as follows--

The invention concerns a tube handling device for inserting tubes into a tube filling machine, for relocating tubes within a tube filling machine and/or for removing tubes from the tube filling machine, in accordance with the pre-characterizing part of ~~claim 1~~ the independent claim. --.

On page 4, insert as a title prior to the last paragraph --

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --.**

Please amend the last paragraph on page 4 extending to page 5 as follows --

This object is achieved in accordance with the invention with a tube handling device having the characterizing features of ~~claim 1~~ the independent claim. The transfer device is thereby formed by scissor action arms which can be pulled apart and pushed together using the drive device, the drive device being formed by two pneumatic cylinders which are oriented parallel to each other in the longitudinal direction of the gripper row and which act in opposite directions. --.

On page 7, insert as a title prior to the brief description of the drawing --

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING --.

On page 7, insert as a title following the brief description of the drawing

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DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT --.

On page 10, line 1, replace as a title "Claims" with --

I CLAIM: --.